

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TERRORISM INSURANCE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held hearings to examine how the insurance industry should respond to risks posed by potential terrorist attacks and the extent to which the government should play a role alongside the industry to address these risks, in light of the events of September 11, 2001, and how these decisions will effect insurance coverage and premiums on property and casualty reinsurance contracts as they come up for renewal, receiving testimony from Senator Bill Nelson; Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; Robert Glenn Hubbard, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Thomas J. McCool, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, General Accounting Office; Kathleen Sebelius, Kansas Insurance Department, Topeka, on behalf of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; J. Robert Hunter, Consumer Federation of America,

Arlington, Virginia; and Kenneth A. Froot, Harvard University School of Business, Boston, Massachusetts.

Hearings will continue tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Cameron R. Hume, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of South Africa, Margaret K. McMillion, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda, Wanda L. Nesbitt, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar, and Robert V. Royall, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 4 public bills, H.R. 3165–3168; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 70, were introduced. **Page H7308**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Eugene Roberson, First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois.

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Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, Oct. 23 by a yea-and-nay vote of 367 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 399.

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Suspension—Patriot Act: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3162, to deter and punish terrorist acts in the United States and around the world, to enhance law enforcement investigatory tools (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 357 yeas to 66 nays, Roll No. 398). The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. The motion to pass the bill was debated on Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2001.

Pages H7224, H7225

Economic Security and Recovery Act: The House passed H.R. 3090, to provide tax incentives for economic recovery by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 404.

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Rejected the Turner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back with amendments that reduce tax cut provisions to an amount equal to the cost of financing anti-terrorism efforts, fully offset the legislation in the Internal Revenue Code over the next ten years while providing for the legislation to be temporary, and provides assistance to workers who lost their jobs and health insurance coverage and to business affected by the circumstances following the attacks of September 11 by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 403.

Pages H7280–82

Pursuant to the rule the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 107–251) was considered as adopted.

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Rejected the Rangel amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide rebates of \$600 for joint filers and \$300 for single filers, extend for one year all expiring tax provisions, create \$11 billion in school construction financing; waive certain AMT limitations, and expand unemployment benefits by a yea-and-nay vote of 166 yeas to 261 nays, Roll No. 402.

Pages H7260–80

The House agreed to H. Res. 270, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by a recorded vote of 225 ayes to 199 noes, Roll No. 401. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 400.

Pages H7225–36

Order of Business: Agreed that Representatives Fossella of New York be authorized to introduce a joint resolution to amend Title 36, United States Code, to designate September 11 as United We Stand Remembrance Day. Further agreed that it be in order at any time on October 25, 2001, without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 70) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes; that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

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Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order at any time on Thursday, October 25, 2001, without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the joint resolution introduced by Representative Fossella of New York pursuant to the previous order of the House (to amend Title 36, United States Code, to designate September 11 as United We Stand Remembrance Day); that the joint resolution be considered as read for amendment; that the joint resolution be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the committee on Government Reform; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the joint resolution to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H7224, H7224–25, H7235–36, H7236, H7279–80, H7281–82, and H7282. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported a measure making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Colin L. Powell, Secretary of State.

TRADE-IN-SERVICES

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on Trade-In-Services. Testimony was heard from John B. Taylor, Under Secretary, International Affairs, Department of the Treasury; Grant D. Aldonas, Under Sec-

retary, International Trade, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government, to hold hearings to examine security of U.S. mail and the financial future of the U.S. Postal Service, 10 a.m., SR–325.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine mayors' perspectives on homeland security issues, 2 p.m., SC–6, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold closed hearings to examine the Dark Winter scenario and bioterrorism; to be followed by open hearings, 10 a.m., SR–222.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the role of the Department of Defense in homeland security, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to continue hearings to examine terrorism insurance, 10 a.m., SC–5, Capitol.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine economic stimulus matters, 9 a.m., SC–211, Capitol.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings on the nomination of Michael Smith, of Oklahoma, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, 3:30 p.m., S–324, Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the recent international campaign against terrorism, 2 p.m., SR–325.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to promote the best interests of children, focusing on proposals to establish a family court in the District of Columbia Superior Court, 9:30 a.m., SC–6, Capitol.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S–407, Capitol.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings on the nomination of Harris L. Hartz, of New Mexico, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit; the nomination of John D. Bates, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; the nomination of Kurt D. Engelhardt, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; the nomination of Ernest L. Johnson, of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations; and the nomination of Sharee M. Freeman, of Virginia, to be Director, Community Relations Service, 2 p.m., SR–385.

House

Committee on Small Business, hearing entitled "Medicare-Endorsed Prescription Drug Discount Cards and Their Impact on Small Business," 10 a.m., 409 3rd Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.